

Earth First!

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SPECIAL ROADS ISSUE

The Lizard Tribe

Wymondham is in the Sth Norfolk constituency of the Transport Minister John MacTarmac. Perhaps for this reason it is to get a new "by-pass", to by-pass the last by-pass. This will open up a huge swathe of land for development while trashing the nicest bit of the countryside near the town. The original estimate of the road was £18 million, but Robert "Ten-chins" Key has now admitted the figure will be over £26 million. EFers and locals have set up a permanent camp on a disused railway line near to the Lizard since February 6th.

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Wanstonia

On the 16th of February in a scene reminiscent of a medieval siege around 800 police and bailiffs supported by cherry pickers and mechanical diggers besieged the independent state of Wanstonia. After cordoning off the area the invaders preceded to storm the 5 houses and treehouses. The Wanstonian's had been preparing their defences in preparation for the attack, the houses had been barricaded, trenches were dug and many residents prepared to lock themselves to washing machines filled with concrete. Some TV crews stayed in houses as the bailiffs blasted in.

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It could be Wanstead, Solisbury or Leadenham but it's actually Wymondham, Norwich

NOTTS EF! IN SUCCESS SCANDAL

The Leadenham Bypass, Near Lincoln got planning permission on February 14th and the DoI attempted to start work trashing a semi-ancient wood and hedges. continued overleaf

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TRIBAL UPRISING AGAINST ROADS!!



Wanstonia: Is someone going to help me with the drinks?

Wanstonia Mania!

(From Front Page)...The police had to break through the barricades to enter and some then found that the staircases had been removed thus forcing them to get in through roofs or upper floors. Some protesters were on the roofs having chained themselves to chimneys, the contractors proceeded to destroy the houses while many people were still occupying them. They then went on to remove the tree sitters many of whom had d-locked themselves to the trees forcing the bailiffs to use hydraulic bolt cutters. Unfortunately they forgot to buy long enough hydraulic hoses from their local Destroy-It-Yourself shop!! It still took ten hours to remove 300 people with only six arrests. The action gained unprecedented news coverage, and a lot of it was favourable! Bringing direct action into the consciousness of couch potatoes everywhere.

SOS Solsbury

The Department of Roads (DoT) plan to build the £43 million "Bathaston-Swainswick Bypass" soon. This will damage a World Heritage Site, proposed SSSI, AONB, encroach on Green Belt and ruin the setting of Solsbury Hill, made famous by the Peter Gabriel song. The 'bypass' is actually part of the A36 Solent-South Wales mega highway.

The DoT have not produced a "non-technical summary" for the scheme, and so have breached EC law. Legal challenges are afoot, but the bulldozers move in on March 14th, so bodies on the ground are needed urgently. There is a camp - come and help make it bigger and uphold EC legislation. Details Tanya 0225 316677 or Road Alert! 0703-237809

A36 CORRIDOR (BATH)

Direct action camp started on 26/27th February. There are houses on the route so Wanstonia tactics are to be used. The local community is very much involved with the plans to subvert the road. First public demo was on Sunday 6th March 2pm. People can come and camp anytime. For more complete and up to date information ring: 0249-650078 or 0225-331858 or 0225-312432.

Success at last!

(From Front page)
Nottingham EF! have been involved setting up a bender camp in the woods. Work has stopped pending a change of route - the locals have got the route they wanted, and the beautiful woodland is saved! The DoT backed down!! Ring for details 0522-50357 or Mobile 0400 73027

LEICESTER ROAD PLANS SCRAPPED - ANOTHER SUCCESS

Campaign groups have won a major victory in the battle to stop a 4-lane road being built through the middle of residential Leicester to feed a superstore development.

"No road- No way!", a network of 19 resident groups and both conservative & radical environmental groups, got the plans overturned at a packed Council meeting. City Challenge Ltd, an unelected and unaccountable business quango set up to spend £37 million in the "rejuvenation" of part of Leicester, said they were "astounded" at the decision. They may still push for an alternative, "low impact" route, but several communities have been spared, the superstore is seriously jeopardised and City Challenge itself could be in trouble.

The whole campaign highlighted the duplicity within business & councils, and the denial of community involvement. Groups are now riding on the success and trying to set the agenda for development themselves.

The diversity of approaches, and a good knowledge of planning was crucial. Hundreds of people, threatening to take direct action if the decision went against them, have been empowered by the campaign's success.

No BAe HAWK Planes to Indonesia

Six arrests were made on 23rd February at British Aerospace Warton in Lancashire, under "suspicion of possessing items with which to commit criminal damage." Four were later charged for possession of items such as paint brushes, paint and spray cans. They were detained overnight & will plead not guilty in the court case.

The six had entered the factory by climbing over a gate, and had planted seeds in the ground, dedicated to the dead in East Timor. Two of the six approached the runway before being arrested. Protesters also held a vigil outside with coffins, wreaths and banners, accompanied by a 6ft Grim Reaper, asking the workers not to forget. Most were understanding and expressed regret at the nature of their work. A banner was unfurled from the roof of the factory.

Arrests were also made at Farnborough in Hampshire. Two women dyed the fountains in the entrance red, and painted slogans on the wall behind. They were later arrested and held for 9 hours.

The demonstrators were protesting about the 24 Hawks sold to Indonesia in June 1993. Indonesia invaded East Timor in 1975 and have since killed a third of the population.

For more information contact Tricia Allen on 061-881-7460. Please send any donations for the defence fund to "British Aerospace Campaign", One World Centre, Mount St. Manchester M2.

LEEDS CRISP-O

The House of Fraser Store, Rackhams, in Leeds was recently visited by a posse of CRISP officers resulting in the removal of two mahogany tables as well as other pieces of stolen hardwood. The store and police were visibly rattled, with the police even threatening to arrest the police liaison (and his 4 year old kid) if he didn't leave the police station! Seven arrests were made with charges changing throughout the afternoon. After seven hours all were free but banned from the store, though they are expected to be seen there again in the near future...

TEXAS VICTORY

Manchester EFi, who have been targeting Texas Homecare with Ethical Shoplifts, have had a major victory. We heard at the start of December that Texas stopped buying mahogany and mahogany products - this has been confirmed by them. We will still see mahogany on the shelves, unless somebody removes it, until their stocks are all sold. So we're onto the next dear-feller now.

NOTICEBOARD

When over 100 protesters met at ARC Northern's quarry at Penmaenmawr, Gwynedd recently, the local daily Post didn't mention ARC stood to benefit by supplying road stone to the proposed new A11 motorway through Snowdonia. However, the next day's Daily Post reported that ARC's offices had been trashed, computers wrecked and drawing equipment smashed with almost £40,000 damage done. Less than two days later, North Wales MEP Joe Wilson said motorway plans had been scrapped with all future commercial traffic being routed to Ireland via the new A55 route along the North Wales coast. The ARC offices were done over again and another £10,000 worth of computers equipment smashed, though this time the eco-raiders had also wiped months of detailed work stored on mainframes back at head office.

Taking Control (12th March) is a day of workshops on radical and practical alternatives in housing, work and lifestyle. Taking place at the Friends Meeting House, Clarendon Street, Nottingham, it has loads of alternative

groups doing workshops - LETS, FIN, Permaculture, Windpower etc., etc. Tel: 0602 585666 for details

The Rainbow Centre, Kentish Town, London is now up and running. Intended as a green arts and activism centre, it is in an old church which has been squatted for a number of years now. The centre is available for gatherings, meetings, etc. Contact the centre at North London EFi address or at Rainbow Arts Centre, Old Church, 23 Highgate Road, Kentish Town, London NW5. Tel: 0831 195223, normal surface phone to be connected soon.

There is to be a weekend meeting (12th-13th March) at Earth Arc in Oxford to try and co-ordinate a more concerted national campaign on timber issues. The intention is to come out of the weekend with a defined strategy and actions. Call Earth Arc on 0865 201706

For details of all ALF prisoners of conscience contact ALF Supporters Group, BCM 1160, London WC1N 3XX

NEW EFi PUBLICATION!

At last the sounding board you've all been waiting for. A short, frequently produced, free-for-all letters-based publication called "Letters From the Wilderness". It should create a forum for debate/discussion within the movement, and should not compete with other EFi stuff. So send your ideas/gripes/experiences to: "Letters From the Wilderness, c/o Leeds EFi on 3 1/4 Inch discs (IBM best, Apple OK), handwritten, or (best by far) by E-mail. Number= rus2chm@arts-01.novell.leeds.ac.uk.

GREENHAM COMMON

Yep they are still there!! Ignore all the media lies and mainstream peace movement censorship. NVDA is regularly happening at the base and on the 14th-16th February there were nine women in court for criminal damage at A.W.E. Aldermaston, an evil place which has already contaminated surrounding public land with levels of radioactive plutonium 20 times the regulatory minimum, and is working every day towards genocide and utter ecological destruction. Recent sentences have ranged from 5 months imprisonment for £125 worth of damage to conditional discharges for other offences.

In their defence women represented themselves basing their defence on the 1971 Criminal Justice Act proving "lawful excuse" in the interests of immediate planetary protection. Also, the Genocide Act was presented, and the fact that there are ancient footpaths leading across Aldermaston which women felt they had a right to gain access to, and strangely enough there was a fence in the way....(the moral being, always take a map and a pair of bolt-cutters when out for a walk in the English countryside).

Contact: Yellow Gate Women's Peace Camp, Greenham Common, Nr Newbury, Berks RG14 7AS

LOCAL NEWS

Blackmore Vale EF

"We are alive and so grotesquely busy that we haven't got time to describe what we're up to, except to say that we're off to Twyford with a marquee, a lawnmower, a slide projector and seven bEflers."

Cardiff Uni Green Group

"We shall be having a major anti-roads campaign in the next couple of weeks, involving fly-posting banners across bridges going over all major roads in Cardiff. We shall also be having an anti-mallogony demo outside Texas D11 on Sat 5th March, with a few CRISPOfficers on duty..."

Stroud Valleys EF

In the only prosecution in the country, three people are due to appear in a Stroud court on charges resulting from a Mallogony Liberation CRISPO Action. The court has been booked for two whole days - 9th and 10th May so that Ursula, Jeremy and a 16 year old can defend themselves against charges under Section 5 of the Public Order Act (behaviour likely to cause distress).

Wolves EF tell us FADS are still selling mallogony? We couldn't possibly comment, but maybe they deserve a visit.

Warrington EF!

Those south coast sabs have the following message from an anonymous donor that seemed to lose (or gain) something in the translation. Well here goes...

...a 11 action took place in the spirit of the romantic occasion... An unfortunate incident which involved the sad demise of a number of Mr. Am's army. A small victory against the oncoming tarmac marauders. Please by all means contact them and they will deny all knowledge

RTZ AND HONDURAS

Those of us who went to the Earth First! gathering in Leicester would have heard of Alfredo Sandoval, an Indigenous Honduran, who came to speak about his community's fight to stop mining giant RTZ from developing a destructive open cast mine in the Minas de Oro region. After some national media coverage in Britain and numerous public meetings, Wilfredo returned to Honduras where an hour of national TV was devoted to the issue. It now looks as if RTZ is abandoning its plans - so thanks to everyone who helped the campaign (E.F.E.)

A BUNCH OF BANKERS:

There has been a flurry of discontented "customers" in our high streets lately. Actions have occurred since you last heard from us in Norwich, Warwick, Birmingham, Liverpool, Leeds and Lancaster among others, as well as a co-ordinated day of action. In York an elderly woman who had been a customer for 17 years ranted at the manager, and food was provided for the occupiers by complete strangers. In Manchester 3 branches of Midland were visited in 2 hours, is this a new record?

On another occasion (Lloyds), they were forcibly removed from the bank after a five hour shut-down. In Leeds the Midland General Manager came into the bank in an attempt to cut a deal. The branch staff said that it was the first time they had ever seen him. After the National Gathering the campaign seems to be going from strength to strength. With more actions and meetings with men in suits pending - who knows what might occur

YORK OCCUPATION

Monday 31st January York and Leeds EFlers and Third World Firsters occupied Midland Bank. York for five hours and had a whale of a time! We gave Midland a list of demands. We didn't stop business, but had lots of support:

- a guy closing an account very loudly
- juggling kids, sorry with kids, in the foyer!

As we left, after the arrival of another box of food, the mention of sleeping bags about 3pm pushed things on a bit - the manager asked if that was it. We said that depended on what will be said at the national Midland/LAMB meeting and this stunned him a bit

It ASDA be EF!

A new ASDA store is being built in Wolverhampton town centre, and Tarmac are the contractors. Anti roads and anti tarmac graffiti has been seen in the area. Coincidence? You may think so but we couldn't possibly comment.

International Earth Night - 1st April

To make this a really big event we are asking all groups and radical magazines to publicise it within their country or region. The last Earth Night reached over 25 countries, we hope to treble that this time



Tributed women Mike and Pete, chained to a playhouse ladder

ABBEE POND

Tributes from around the world have been made to Isaac, a ten foot long black amphibian, perished at the hands of the (he under) and his not so merry men. Mr. poor soul and his habitat, one of the few City Centre, but they were removed at miscellaneous resistance. A two week protest from the site being turned into a laboratory, thawing out, attempting to sleep in well, all was not toasted marshmallows and made it as far as a public meeting, and last

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ABBAY POND BULLDOZED

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The camp itself was a huge success, empowering the people of Hulme and showing them that they don't have to take this crap any longer. The local kids were particularly inspired, but their enthusiasm to kill the bailiffs when they arrived had to be channelled into something more positive. When the time came for action, one of the kids even got into the icy waters of the pond with two activists (Torville and Dean above), and told the Sheriff in no uncertain terms of dubious sexual practices he was allegedly involved in.

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Q: How many bailiffs does it take to change a light bulb?

A: Ten. One to change it, one to kick you in the kidneys and eight to obscure the cameras.

Much mirth was had by all, except the 43 species of flora and fauna which are now no more. Rest In Pieces. Oh well, at least we made page 5 of the Guardian

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CRIMINAL JUSTICE BILL - MORE INJUSTICE

The Criminal Justice Bill represents a serious attack on our rights to protest, to party and simply to live our lives as we choose. The more you read about it the more worrying it becomes. Most seriously for Earth First!ers is probably the plan to make trespass a criminal offence rather than a civil offence. Attempting to peacefully stop the destruction of our countryside and our planet will officially become a crime- punishable by up to 3 months in prison or £2500 fine. The right to silence will be abolished- saying nothing would be an admission of guilt.

Merely assembling on private land is also out the window - (no more picnics in the woods). The order to stop any activity can be extended for up to 5 miles around a specified site - and the police can stop anyone they simply believe is going there - without having to prove you actually were! We're sure this clause won't be abused by the police.....Get off my neck you nice policeperson.

Travellers, gypsies, squatters and ravers are also under attack. Basically, the police will now have legal backing for moving on, chucking out or generally harrassing anyone that they don't like. Meanwhile, killing foxes, preparing for nuclear war, turning our hillsides into holes and tarmac, and racial harassment are all fine!

Our planet is being destroyed by people with real interests to defend: as we win campaigns so the goalposts will move. Various groups have made moves to oppose the Bill, but we're still waiting for concerted action. We can write to our M.P's - they'll decide over the next few months but it seems essential we are committed to defeating this with weight of numbers, bravery and smiles for the cameras. We can't let it stand in our way - we are fighting for our future! See you on that 'dozer.... Contact Liberty, M11 campaign or Roads Alert! for more info.

EARTH ARC WINTER SALE.

- Roll up, roll up, everything must go. A superb range of goods and services for Britain's radical environmental movement is available from Oxford, so that you can resist the machine with comfort and convenience in your own home. They are:-
- 1) The direct action video: a half hour bonanza of empowering scenes of the powers that be really getting it in the neck (non-violently). A must for your granny's or grandad's Easter present, much better than Childs Play. Superb for enthusing others and sustaining your own activism- an ethical steal at £4
- 2) The Intercontinental Deluxe guide to Blockading: Produced by direct action forest activists in New Zealand and Australia, this booklet shows the various non-violent direct action tactics they have used to obstruct, and atop logging activities. It has great applications against all development. It will teach you all you need to know about tripods, tree sits, concrete pipes in the road, the "scrub wallaby" technique and various other methods of impeding the "progress" of industry. Learn how to road-spike the neighbourhood, thereby winning friends and influencing people.
- 3) How to sink Whalers, Driftnetters and other environmentally destructive ships. Produced by Sea Shepherd Orcaforce agent no.13 this handy little booklet is a good addition to your "creative engineering" library.
- 4) EFL promotional tabloid/blank wall
- The Earth First! Journal, published in Oregon, US, have invited the EFL movement here to produce a "blank wall" for the journal. The Blank Wall, in case you haven't seen the journal, is a tabloid sized 4 or 8 page spread, published free of charge as the centre pages of the journal. The blank wall is generally an introduction to a particular group or network. I've agreed to write something and would like other EFLers to help. Whatever is produced could also serve as badly needed promotional material that covers our wide ranging campaigns and beliefs. Please contact Earth Arc if you would like to get involved.

3RD NATIONAL GATHERING 8- 10 APRIL 1994

Get yourself down (or up) to the Redwater Arts Centre which is on a beautiful hillside near Todmorden, West Yorkshire. Todmorden is near Halifax which is about 15 miles from Leeds (about 60p on the train from Leeds). From the final meeting at the last gathering it was suggested that:

Local groups be encouraged to have pre-gathering preparation

Skills/ issues and organisational workshops be separate

Gatherings primarily for organisational workshops

Gathering to have games and socialising timetable, esp "icebreakers"

Ideas from all EF! groups collated beforehand

The agenda be (flexibly) set before start of gathering

Get your group to decide what they want out of the weekend, scribble it down and send it to the LEEDS EF! address by as soon as possible, so we can collate all the information and send out a provisional agenda to all the groups well ahead of the gathering and local groups can see its OK.

What to bring:

Redwater is in the middle of nowhere so bring camping gear.

We need some covered communal spaces so if you can get hold of marquees, big benders, teepees, etc.

Money for food- we will provide ultra cheap vegan food for the weekend.

Alcohol: we're trying to avoid bastard companies, cans etc. so we've been busily home brewing for you and if you can bring loads of home brew to give away/ swap/ flog/, then do it!

We want to have some kind of EF! shop selling stuffs like D-Locks, climbing carabinas, arm tubes, recipes for concrete, so anything you can get cheap or on sale or return that you think might be of interest then bring it along! Get some ideas in the post as soon as possible to Leeds EF!, and we'll do our best to fit them all in. (Leeds EF!)

SKYE RISING - BANK OF AMERICA, LONDON

The Bank of America financiers of the Skye Bridge and Roads Project, are also funding a number of other privatised road and bridge building projects in the UK, Greece, Hungary and Portugal.

EF! have launched the BankAmerica Alert Campaign, to expose them for the forest-felling, otter-hating corporate bastards they are.

On 14th February over 30 EF! activists occupied their offices for several hours, blockading their main entrance and running amok on their upper floors, including the trading rooms. For some reason best known to the police, three fire engines were called out to remove two bike D-locks.

Three activists were assaulted, one activist was dragged out of a lift by her hair by the police officer, and another was forcibly strip searched for giving his name as Skye Bridge. There were five arrests and only one was charged, for attempted theft.

For further information re BankAmerica Alert or the Skye Bridge Campaign please contact Oxford EF! on 0865-201706

SUCCESS IN SOMERSET

After 11 months where legal and direct action campaigners worked hand in hand, and after plans had been signed and sealed by Sainsburys and the district council, the consumer giants pulled out before the bulldozers arrived. Various parties have given various reasons for the pull-out, but everyone knows that without the campaign, the scheme would already be underway.

The last straw for Sainsbury was a month long occupation by EF! and the eco-tribes of an abandoned Tesco store a stone's throw from Wyndham Hill where the superstore was to be built. This was followed by a 3 week occupation of a warehouse/bat roost, threatened by the scheme, coupled with court action against Council misrepresentation by the Wyndham Action Group & huge local support for the action of the campaigners.

11 months ago activists decided not to wait for the bulldozers to come in on the hill, but to get involved immediately, starting off low-key, forging links and gradually working up to direct action as the legal channels receded.

As well as gaining us respect, many new friends and a firm base for future actions, this strategy brought victory. On Wyndham Hill and down the riverside walk the Greenshoots and Blossoms of Spring emerge and it is a beautiful site indeed. Eternal thanks to all those who fought with us.

STOP PRESS ALDI may be interested in the site - the campaign may not be over - any info on them gratefully recieved. (South Somerset EF!)



M11 OPERATION ROADBLOCK

The No M11 Link Campaign is about to deliver a fatal blow to the national roads programme with the largest campaign of peaceful protest ever seen against roads in Britain. We're setting up a national rota of one hundred people per day to take part in peaceful protests. You can be sure that if successful the road will be stopped within a month.

The M11 link will cut a swathe of devastation through the East London, displacing 1,000 people from homes in its path. It will not solve congestion: it will bring more cars belching into London, creating new bottlenecks which will require even more road building in years to come. It will mean more pollution, causing diseases from asthma to lung cancer, and environmental damage, from noise to global warming.

The M11 link campaign is an expression of dissatisfaction not just with this Government's transport policies but its broader agenda on the environment, housing, economic development, and the right to free speech.

Ever since work started, the Department of Transport has suffered an appalling press and huge extra costs. One concerted effort is all that is needed to make them drop the M11 link. Once they do it, other schemes in the roads programme will fall like dominoes.

Get on the phone now and commit your life to join the most powerful demonstration of popular resistance against a road scheme ever known. We'll send you an information pack about the road itself, the campaign against it, the type of action you might be involved in and what to do when you arrive.
Call 081-558-2638 (3 lines) NOW!!!

ATTENTION -ROAD AHEAD

More and more people are standing up and saying "no" to the bulldozer, including ex-magistrates, pensioners, children and generally people from all backgrounds.

Ever wondered how to get involved in the vibrant anti-roads movement you've heard so much about?

Well, **Roads Alert!**, recently formed by several people from Twyford Down Alert!, the information service for the actions at Twyford, are here to serve you!

Formed as the direct-action sister organisation of ALARM UK (the Alliance Against Roadbuilding), RA! is the national information network for peaceful direct action against road building. We're here to help you get in contact with and involved in already active campaigns, help you organise a post-public-inquiry roads campaign, set up camp, prepare for direct action, publicise your actions/campaign, and we'll always give helpful, experienced advice.

There are regular mailings to a large database of activists so please get in touch if you want to either add your name to it or want to put stuff in the mailbox.

We have an established office in Southampton, and are preparing a briefing pack for any one wishing to start a campaign of peaceful action against a road scheme.

Contact: Road Alert!, Tel/Fax: 0703 237809

WYMONDHAM BY-PASS HISTORY

From front page

1988, Norfolk Friends of the Earth organised a mass buy-up of the land to delay the project.

1990, after losing the first inquiry, a new route was accepted as a new habitat will be created for the new tunnel road crossings would be provided! (with signs and free public transport?)

June 1991 Secretary of State announces the go ahead. Contractors bulldoze the hedges, trees and ponds on the proposed road route through the Lizard.

June 1992 court case. High Court refuses to rule on whether the DoT have acted illegally in their conduct of the compulsory purchase.

March 1993 FoE reluctantly withdraws from court action due to escalating costs.

September 1993 EF! enters the campaign with the occupation of 'The Willows', the one house due to be destroyed by the road. After three court hearings the bailiffs move in, removing one person from the house and two from the roof. 'The Willows' is bulldozed the same day.

February 1994 Earth First! sets up camp on the disused railway line.

February 7th compulsory purchase orders on section of railway line comes into force. Only 14 plottolders have

been notified, we argue that this makes the purchase illegal. Security guards and the chief engineer for the road are met by 20 people on the railway line refusing access.

February 11th John Macgregor had to stop work on the Wymondham bypass with a spade as people locked onto the ceremonial JCB! He was held up for more than an hour. Mr Macgregor dismissed the Lizard Tribe as "a handful of people, many from outside the area with no right to hold up the scheme". 30 shouting protesters were pinned back by rows of police and security guards. Five people were arrested, later released without charge. The action lasted for over two hours.

Feb - March Actions regularly stop work on the site at least two days a week. Tuesday 1st March EF! first move in on site work with D-locks and chains and stop work for the day. Following day, activists return with tubes and work is stopped all day again.

March 10th, Norwich EF! expect to be evicted from the railway line site but are planning a major weekend of events on the 11th-14th March. The point is that as 90% of the line is owned by Friends of the Earth there is a long way to go yet! People are all invited to go there at any time for a dose of Lizard fever.

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